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NEVADA, MO., FELON SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING FIREARM IN GREENE COUNTY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Nevada, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Today's sentencing is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Dwight Norton, 59, of Nevada, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 16, 2003, **Norton** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Norton** admitted that he was in possession of a fully loaded converted F. Llipietta black powder .44 caliber revolver on Aug. 27, 2002, in Greene County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Norton** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and a 1992 criminal felony conviction for delivery of a controlled substance.

Norton was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 12, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. It was investigated by the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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